(c) whether Government propose to set up new television centre in Orissa during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) TV service is, at present, available to approximately 52 per cent of the population of Orissa, including that in the rural areas.

(b) and (c) As a part of the on-going VI Plan schemes, a low power (100W) TV transmitter is expected to be commissioned at Bhawanipatna by the end of 1986-87. Replacement of this transmitter by a high power (10KW) transmitter and establishment of a full-fledged TV Studio Centre at Bhubaneshwar as well as of eight new low power (100W) TV transmitters, one each at Baripada, Sundergarh, Baleshwar, Keonjhargarh, Bolangir, Phulbani, Jeypore and Chatrapur, are included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan.

Increase in the delivery period for ordinary telegrams

1683. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delivery period for ordinary telegrams has been increased from eight to twenty four hours; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. The delivery period continues to be between 0600 hours and 2200 hours depending on the working hours of telegraph office and priority Telegrams are delivered round the clock.

(b) Does not arise.

Pay scales of English and Hindi Editors of the Government periodicals

1684. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pay scales of Editors of the English editions of several Government periodicals are much higher than those of the Editors of Hindi and other Indian language editions of those periodicals and a Study Committee under a Joint Secretary of the Ministry was assigned to look into such discrimination and make recommendation;

(b) the details of the disparity in the case of each Government periodicals;

(c) what are the observations and recommendations of the Study Committee;

(d) action taken on each of its recommendations; and

(e) by when, such disparities are likely to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. All the posts of Editors whether for English or Hindi or regional language journals brought out by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting are included in Grade I of the CIS and carry the same pay scale. No Study Committee under a Joint Secretary was asked to look into the matter.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Delay in announcing newsprint policy

1685. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in announcing the newsprint policy by Government for the year 1986-87; and